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## AH assesses COVID costs so far

by CHAD INGRAM  
Times Staff

After associated gains and losses have been balanced, the COVID-19 pandemic has so far left the Township of Algonquin Highlands a deficit of more than \$35,000 and it remains unclear what the total financial impact of the crisis will be for the municipality.

Councillors received a report on the township's COVID-19-related costs from treasurer Jean Hughes during an online Aug. 13 meeting.

The pandemic has meant revenue losses in some areas – while camping was still prohibited, the township lost revenue in its parks, rec and trails department, for example – while there have been savings in other areas due to lack of travel, etc.

While camping had been restricted in Ontario throughout much of the spring amid the crisis, a boom in reservations of the camping sites along the township's Haliburton Highlands Water Trails has actually left the township in a position where it is up over last year on those revenues. An Aug. 13 report from the parks, rec and trails director showed that while water trails revenue to date in 2019 had been just more than \$242,000, to date in 2020, despite a provincial lockdown in the earlier stages of the pandemic, revenues were more than \$244,000. While revenues for the water trails in July of 2019 were just more

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Jackson Rowe, far left, looks on while Mike Mildon, second from right, points to the hole where the investigators hoped to find the remains of Harold Heaven on Wednesday, Aug. 12 at a residential property in Minden. The dig did not end the 86-year mystery of Heaven's disappearance, revealing only mud and rocks, but did unite and captivate three generations of family related to Heaven. A documentary series is being made about the search. /DARREN LUM Staff

## Cold case remains unsolved, but warmth of family stokes fire to not give up

by DARREN LUM  
Times Staff

An 86-year-old mystery continues, as amateur investigators Mike Mildon and Jackson

Rowe came up empty after an unsuccessful dig last week revealed nothing but mud and rocks instead of the remains of Harold Heaven, who disappeared from a Minden cabin on Oct. 29, 1934.

A year-long search in 1934 by police proved fruitless, leaving the family and the community wondering about what happened to the young man several decades after his

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# Camping revenue up for AH

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than \$60,000, for July of 2020, they were more than \$95,000, an increase of 59 per cent.

“Because everybody’s staying in Ontario, those increases have hugely offset the losses from the Dorset tower and so forth,” Hughes said. The tower, a popular tourist destination, along with other township facilities including the Dorset Recreation Centre, remain closed.

“Employee cumulative hours for tasks related to COVID-19 are not depicted on the chart as they are performed during regular business hours, but are being tracked accordingly,” a report from Hughes read. “These tasks include disinfection duties, public relations, safety and EOC [emergency operations centre] meetings and setting up of a signage and barricades as required.”

On Aug. 12, the provincial government announced the first phase of COVID-19 relief funding for Ontario municipalities, which uses a population-based formula. Haliburton County

and its four, lower-tier municipalities will cumulatively receive more than \$2.8 million, with Algonquin Highlands receiving \$275,900.

That money can be used for a variety of costs related to the pandemic, including heightened cleaning costs, the purchase of personal protective equipment, etc., but also to offset operating and revenue losses associated with the COVID-19 crisis.

“Just in what I’ve been tracking to date, we’re already looking at \$190,000 worth of in-house costs related to COVID,” Hughes told council.

“There is a reporting requirement for this [provincial] money,” said Mayor Carol Moffatt. “. . . That’s why it’s been important from the beginning to be tracking everything, so that if funding came, which it has just arrived, we’d be able to bill accordingly what those costs are.”

The provincial government has said there will also be a second phase of COVID-19 relief funding for municipalities, that one to be application-based.

This is the cumulative data on confirmed COVID-19 cases in the HKPR District Health Unit area.

	Haliburton	City of Kawartha Lakes	Northumberland	HKPRDHU
Confirmed Cases	15	177	28	220
Current Probable Cases+	0	0	0	0
Current High Risk Contacts+	2	8	4	14
Hospitalizations (Total to Date)	1	11	2	14
Resolved**	14	156	26	196
Deaths	0	32	0	32
Current Outbreaks	0	0	0	0

## COVID-19 cumulative data

As of Aug. 17, there are three confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Haliburton County, and eight current high-risk contacts. High-risk contacts are defined as asymptomatic individuals who are known to have been in contact with a confirmed or probable case. This information is updated on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, excluding holidays by the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit. Positive COVID-19 tests conducted in Haliburton County on residents with a primary address outside of Haliburton County are recorded in the health unit of that address. /Screenshot from the HKPR District Health Unit website at hkpr.on.ca.

# AH looking at new fireworks bylaw

by **CHAD INGRAM**  
*Times Staff*

Algonquin Highlands township is working on a fireworks bylaw that, like ones in other municipalities in the county, will relegate the lighting of fireworks to specific holidays.

Chief building official and bylaw officer Dave Rogers told councillors the township continues to receive complaints regarding the discharge of fireworks, but since most take place before midnight, it’s technically not a violation of the township’s noise bylaw, which contains a section on fireworks, but only stipulates that they not be set off between midnight

and 7 a.m.

Rogers explained the township had received a resident request that it switch to a bylaw in line with those in place in the Township of Minden Hills and Municipality of Dysart et al. In those municipalities, fireworks may only be set off during New Year’s Eve, the weekends of Victoria Day and Labour Day and the week of Canada Day, and fireworks are to take place between dusk and 11 p.m. Those who violate the bylaw can be fined.

“It will affect staff . . . because if somebody’s not following the bylaw, we’ll be doing a lot more enforcement,” Rogers told councillors during an online Aug. 13 meeting.

“I think we all acknowledge that enforcement is going to be an issue,” said Mayor Carol Moffatt, adding that even with a stricter bylaw in place, there would those who would knowingly violate it. “As the old saying goes, locks are for honest people.”

Councillors agreed to move ahead with tighter restrictions, with Deputy Mayor Liz Danielsen suggesting a separate fireworks bylaw be created, as opposed to just a fireworks section within the township’s noise bylaw

“This is so much more than noise,” Danielsen said, adding that fireworks have environmental impacts, including affecting lake health.

Moffatt said she’d also like to see floating lanterns, some of which were lit during a recent total fire ban in Haliburton County, banned completely. Residents who wish to light off fireworks outside the prescribed times will be able to apply to the township of a special permit.

A draft fireworks bylaw will come back to the council table.



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# Walk-in medical clinic option offered in Kinmount

by **SUE TIFFIN**  
Times Staff

A walk-in medical clinic in Kinmount that opened in the early months of the year is gaining momentum among residents and cottagers in Kinmount and surrounding area this summer after reopening in July after the province's pandemic lockdown measures were lifted.

The Kinmount Walk-in Medical Clinic is located at the Kinmount Health & District Centre, with a nurse on-site and a physician who is accessible via telemedicine.

"The opportunity presented itself," said Kinmount Pharmacy owner Samuel Iskandar.

"There's always shortages of health-care practitioners up here, and you've got to be creative sometimes to get the services up here."

Iskandar said that an average number of about five clients are making use of the clinic daily, including some people who are referred from the emergency department at the Minden hospital.

"It's picking up," said Iskandar. "We get a few patients every single day now, I think people are really starting to find the value in it. It's a little different, you know, but it operates very smoothly, there's a lot less waiting time, so I think people are really finding the value in it."

Though the service is designed for walk-in needs, Iskandar said it is recommended to

call and book a tentative appointment in order to reduce the amount of time spent waiting in the facility.

As for services offered, there's a whole array, said Iskandar, everything from upper respiratory tract infections (flu or colds), sinus infections, urinary tract infections, yeast infections, rashes, asthma, bronchitis, ear infections, eye infections, migraines, vaccination, Vitamin B12 injections and blood work requisition. People with urgent needs showing symptoms of stroke, heart attack or severe trauma or pain or other life-threatening symptoms should instead attend an emergency department or call 911.

Besides offering minimal wait times, convenient prescription refills, and access to specialist referrals and medical imagery,

Iskandar believes the service helps to eliminate the barrier of access of health care, especially to under-served rural communities.

"Honestly, any service we can provide to the community, any health-care service, I'm always open to it because we need it up here," he said. "Anything we can provide for the community, we have our ears open, and if it works, and fits the plan here, we're always open for any opportunities that come our way."

The Kinmount Walk-in Medical Clinic, located at the Kinmount Health & District Centre at 5100 County Road 503, is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and can be reached at 705-488-1960.

## Minden Whitewater Preserve remains open

by **DARREN LUM**  
Times Staff

The south side of the Gull River at the Minden Whitewater Preserve is being restricted to members of Whitewater Ontario due to pandemic-related insurance requirements.

This new measure only applies to the private property owned and managed by Whitewater Ontario, the provincial kayak and canoe association, but it does not apply to property owned by the Township of Minden Hills, which is located along Horseshoe Lake Road and the Gull River. This area is accessible without a membership.

Whitewater Ontario's president David Gillespie said this decision helps to keep the preserve open and safe.

"Our volunteer organization has run for 50 years without any major incident, however the new normal in the insurance industry means we have to follow this practice. Following COVID protocols set by the health unit and the ministry of sport, we are fully operational and have had a surge in membership of people coming out to whitewater kayak and canoe," he wrote in an email to the *Times*. "We are pleased to continue keeping our facility open for hikers, dog walkers, and facility rental for meetings, courses, and weddings. As in the past, we will continue

working with [Minden Hills] council, township staff, and local stakeholder groups to improve the trails, and to mitigate hazards in the rapids caused by flooding. Despite social distancing etc, [the preserve] is a great place for regular recreational use as well as we plan to continue hosting regional and national events. This means [Minden Whitewater Preserve] is still a hotspot for drawing tourists and helping local residents get out and have fun."

Some of the COVID-19 related measures taken at the south side property include sanitizing stations at the front of washrooms, the sign-in kiosk, and every outhouse. Unless it is immediate family, washrooms are for one person at a time. The outside sinks are available for potable water, but it's recommended dishes to be washed at sites to ensure the area remains clean.

Anyone who wishes to access the river from the south side via Bethel Road or use the hiking and mountain bike trails can buy an annual 12-month hiking membership at \$20. The two-person annual membership is \$30, and a full family annual membership is \$40.

Registration for memberships can be done by joining your local affiliated club, registering online using Zone 4, or registering on site at Minden Whitewater Preserve. Day-use seasonal memberships are available for purchase online using Zone 4 or on site at the preserve.

Members will all need to sign in as they arrive at the preserve. This is a required pro-

cedure to aid with contact tracing.



### Climbing Mount Minden for Terry

On Saturday, Aug. 15, Pat Bradley, Donna Monk, Nancy Garbutt, Anica Sabel and Barb Millington joined the Terry Fox Foundation's 2020 Mt. Terry Fox Trek by climbing the hill up to the water tower in Minden, and walking along the Riverwalk and the boardwalk. They all belong to Nancy's Fun Fit Team, who collect funds for the Foundation each year. Since 2004, they have raised more than \$4,000. From left, Monk, Garbutt, Sabel and Millington. The Terry Fox Foundation has announced their virtual run will be on Sunday, Sept. 20, when Canada can be together but apart, because of social distancing. The Foundation wants people to get sponsors and pledge online this year, and this can be done anytime from now till the end of the year. The website for donations is [www.terryfox.ca/terryfoxrun/minden](http://www.terryfox.ca/terryfoxrun/minden). /Photo by Pat Bradley



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Meetings are held virtually, starting at 9:00 AM in the Minden Council office, 7 Milne Street. The schedule of upcoming meetings are:

##### August 27 – Regular Council Meeting

Please note Council Meetings are reduced to one meeting a month in July, August and December.

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# More than \$2.8 million in COVID relief for county

by **CHAD INGRAM**  
Times Staff

Haliburton County and its four lower-tier townships will collectively receive some \$2.87 million in COVID-19 relief funding from the provincial government, money to help offset operating pressures related to the ongoing pandemic.

Premier Doug Ford announced funding of \$1.6 billion for Ontario's municipalities on Wednesday, that money being divided up using a population-based formula.

Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP and Ontario Infrastructure Minister Laurie Scott made a local announcement outside the Haliburton County office on Newcastle Street in Minden. The upper tier of the county will receive \$1.435 million; the Municipality of Dysart et al \$475,400; the Township of Minden Hills \$402,200; Highlands East \$281,700; and the Township of Algonquin Highlands \$275,900.

"This is new money for our communities that will provide municipalities with the support they need to protect the health and well-being of Ontario residents," Scott said. "This assistance will continue to deliver needed public services as the province continues down the path of renewal, growth and economic recovery."

The funding was welcome news to the county's municipal politicians.

"We're really over the moon about this," said Haliburton County Warden Liz Daniels. "It's going to help us tremendously with some of the challenges we've got."

At the county level, Daniels noted some of those challenges include IT and other technology, as well as possible reconfiguration of staff space and council chambers within the county office, as a result of the pandemic.

"In Minden Hills, we've moved personnel around our whole building, we've modified entrances, and obviously



**HKLB MPP and Ontario Infrastructure Minister Laurie Scott, centre, is joined by Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin, Haliburton County Warden Liz Daniels, and Dysart et al Mayor Andrea Roberts as she announced more than \$2.8 million in COVID-19 relief funding for the county and its four lower-tier municipalities on Aug. 12. /CHAD INGRAM Staff**

with technology . . . you know, a virtual studio for council and/or committees I'd say is probably another thing that's going to become a permanent fixture that it can help fund," said Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin.

"There's quite a time period where the money can be spent, but you do have to keep track of every bill," said Dysart et al Mayor Andrea Roberts. "There'll be reporting. So it's not like we can spend this money on something non-COVID-

related. So, it's expenses incurred, and expenses that will be incurred."

According to a release from the province, the \$1.6 billion in municipal funding announced last week constitutes the first phase of a COVID-19 relief funding program. A second phase, with an additional \$695 million in available funding, will be application-based.



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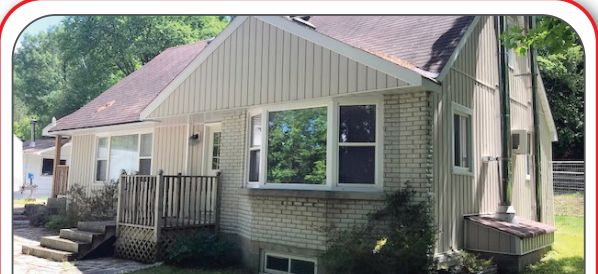
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Some good news

**H**ALIBURTON-KAWARTHA Lakes-Brock MPP and Ontario Infrastructure Minister Laurie Scott delivered some good news on the steps of the Haliburton County office on Newcastle Street last week. That news was that the county and its four lower-tier municipalities will collectively receive more than \$2.8 million in COVID-19 relief funding from the provincial government, that money designed to help offset pandemic-related pressures and expenses. Everything from the purchase of personal protective equipment to offsetting lost revenues to the possible reconfigurations of work and council spaces within municipal facilities can be paid for with the funding.

It was part of a larger, provincial funding announcement that day, a total of \$1.6 billion for the province's municipalities, allotted on a per-population basis. The Ford government has also said there will be a second phase of COVID-19 relief funding for municipal governments, that one application-based for those who have needs that exceed the funding they received in the first phase. Municipalities must track those expenses and report them to the provincial government.

For Haliburton County and its four lower-tier municipalities, there have certainly been revenue losses and most are projecting deficits, albeit not staggering ones, by the end of the year as a result. In some cases, those projected deficits have included deferring projects that were to be completed this year to future budget discussions, and they have often not included hidden, in-house costs, such as the staff time that's been associated dealing with all things COVID.

However, it's fair to say the county and its townships have not been nearly as financially impacted by the pandemic

as larger, urban municipalities, which have experienced losses in the millions of dollars due to substantial revenue decline from their public transportation systems. Since the pandemic is also very much not over, it's difficult to say just what future losses for municipalities of any size might look like.

The financial state for individuals within the county may not be quite as stable as the one of their municipal governments. Many people were laid off near the beginning of the pandemic, some have returned to work, others



CHAD INGRAM  
Reporter

not. As the federal government prepares to end the Canadian Emergency Relief Benefit, which many Canadians have become reliant upon during the past five months, it will be a complicated and painful disentanglement. A precarious job market will be become hyper-competitive as Canadians come off CERB, seeking employment during what is still an ongoing public health crisis.

While we know more about our invisible foe than we did five months ago, there are still many, many unknowns. Top of mind for parents, and others, lately has been what the impact of sending children back to Ontario schools in September might be. I'll be very honest in that I'm not envious of parents making those difficult back-to-school choices, and am grateful that my wife and I still have a year before our eldest child enters junior kindergarten.

Last week's announcement was positive, a glimmer of light in a situation that can be very dark at times. I'm sure local municipalities will make wise use of that funding, with an eye to the evolving nature of the situation. Even though it feels like we are a long way into this pandemic, it's pretty clear we still have much longer to go.



Self isolating on Canning Lake. /Photo by Susan Wright

Where have all the cougars gone?

**A** lot has been happening in the world lately. So I guess it is no surprise that we have all let the most obvious environmental story to hit Ontario in quite a while slip by us.

That being, where have all the cougars gone?

Not that long ago, cougar sightings were very common in many parts of Ontario – and particularly around here. Lately, however, not so much.

Which is to say that Ontario's expanding, invisible cougar population seems to have crashed.

Locally, I haven't heard anyone speak of a cougar sighting for at least three months or so. My feeling is that these elusive big cats have moved on to places that are far safer.

What's unsafe about Ontario, you ask?

Well, my new English springer spaniel for one.

Look, I'm not going to be one of those guys who brags about their new hunting dog, but I will say that the lack of reported cougar sighting in our area, and the rest of the province, coincides somewhat with me getting Rosie three months ago.

Sure, Rosie is a bird dog. But, at five months old, she's also about 27 pounds of pure sock-chewing ferocity. Moreover, for the last three months, she has been perfecting her cougar fighting techniques on our cats, both of which she has treed on numerous occasions.

This is a skill she used just the other day, when she ran off what was presumably a cougar.

How do I know it was a cougar?

Well, the encounter had all the hallmarks of a typical Ontario cougar sighting. That being, I never actually saw the creature. Plus,

I didn't hear any noise as it ran off, which is further proof since, as everyone knows, cougars are nothing if not silent. But I did feel like something was watching me – which is another common trait of an unsubstantiated cougar sighting.

What I do know for sure is that I was walking Rosie in the woods when she stopped, growled and then barked at what must have been a cougar. If you need any more proof than that, let me add that shortly thereafter, a red squirrel stepped out on a nearby limb and chattered what I assume was a thank you to Rosie – which, of course, further supports my claim that a cougar was nearby.

No doubt, that cougar that Rosie ran off probably went and told the others. And now the local cougars are probably shaking in their boots. Which means you won't see them any time soon.

You're welcome.

That incident has given me the confidence to declare that, while Rosie is roaming the woods, which should be at least for the next decade or so, you won't be hearing about cougar attacks here or in any place in south and central Ontario.

I'm not saying there won't be additional sightings. But I will say if anyone reports a cougar, it will be one that they cannot take a photo of because it was running so fast, the light was dim, or the lens cap was on, or it was too dark to actually see.

Again you're welcome.

For the record, I didn't mean to get a dog that would keep cougar sightings to a minimum. I just wanted a good bird dog, which I got.

The spinoff is that she happens to be the bane of every cougar's existence too – which just goes to show that not every hero wears a cape.

I know it's hard to believe, but I stand by it. Show me a cougar and I'll take it back.



STEVE GALEA  
Beyond 35



## IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

# The voice in the grapevine

I WAS HAVING a genuinely down moment saying goodbye at the end of a physical distancing visit to my son's home in Hamilton. We don't get to see our children and grandchildren often now because of the pandemic. And when we do we can't hug them, shake hands or even get close to them.

It's depressing, not just for us but for millions of others.

I was already feeling down when I arrived for the visit. I had fought the miserable Toronto area traffic to get to my dentist's office. After some less-than-joyful poking, drilling and grinding I was back cursing the Highway 403 traffic en route to Hamilton.



**JIM POLING SR.**  
*From Shaman's Rock*

The visit was outside and brief and as we were saying goodbye, my son pointed to an alluring grapevine canopy at the rear of his house. He told me raccoons were driving him crazy, sneaking into the vines late at night and making off with the fruit.

As I listened, I put out my hand and leaned against the grapevine's trunk. My down mood lifted as the vine's energy pulsed beneath my fingertips.

"That's from Compare Frank," my son said. "He gave me a slip from one of his vines when we moved here many years ago."

I clutched tightly the trunk, now the thickness of a large man's wrist, and felt a surge of optimism and love of life. I was feeling the positive energy of my good friend Compare Frank. Although he passed away five years ago, I could feel his spirit flowing in that vine.

Compare Frank was Francesco Covella, my pal and the kid brother I never had. We called each other Compare, the Italian reference for comrade, or godfather.

The energy in the vine got me thinking about the COVID-19 crisis and Compare Frank. How would he handle the pandemic, which has become one of the saddest periods of many people's lives?

Sad not just because of the separation from family and friends. Not just because we can't shake someone's hand, or place a hand on their shoulder, or any of those other signs of goodwill and appreciation.

Sad because of all the hard-working, expectant folks who put their dreams and their money into small businesses that are suffering horribly. Sad because of the folks who are having trouble meeting the rent or the mortgage payment because their jobs have been suspended for months.

In a way I am glad Compare Frank is not here to witness the sadness, suffering and the nastiness that this pandemic has brought. They are the antithesis of his style of living, which was to be happy and work through difficulties with perseverance and patience.

I'll never forget the scene when Compare Frank decided my old house in Ottawa needed a bigger basement. The project would require breaking concrete and digging out a nine by 12 space with hand shovels.

"It can't be done," I cried with unrestrained disgust.

Compare Frank turned his calloused palms upward and shrugged his shoulders.

"Compare," he said, calling me by the special name bestowed when he had become my son's godfather, "this is not difficult if you don't want it to be. Let me teach you."

The basement room got dug out, as I later recalled in a *Readers' Digest* story, and in this column.

Compare Frank taught me not just how to shovel properly, but how to work through life's difficult times.

This pandemic is more difficult than shovelling out a basement, no matter how deep or how hard the earth. There is the stress of having to remember to wear masks, avoid crowds, keep two metres space between everyone, including friends and family, and give up many things that are important parts of our normal lives.

A contrarian attitude about masks and physical distancing, and complaining about the inconveniences, distracts us from the critical work of overcoming the COVID-19 virus. We need to focus exclusively on getting the job done.

A week has passed since my visit and I still hear Compare Frank's voice pulsing through the grapevine that he gave to his godson:

"Don't think about how difficult the work is, or how much more remains to be done. Think positive and persevere. Focus on the task to overcome it, one shovelful at a time."

### letters to the editor

## Coffee awaits helpful stranger

To the Editor,

The week of July 25 to Aug. 1 we were up north renting a cottage at Burks Falls. It was important that I got my bloodwork done on Wednesday, July 29 at a Life Labs and, you guessed it, the nearest location was in your pretty little town of Minden. It was over a two-hour drive when we got there because of construction, so I was a bit late for my 10 a.m. appointment. My husband dropped me off at the door. As I rushed myself with my mask I saw a middle-aged man hold-

ing the door for who I thought was a person in a wheelchair turning around on the sidewalk. I rushed in to get out of the way and did not realize that he was holding it open for me. I am so sorry that I disappointed you that day and didn't say thank you, and may have given you a bad start to the day. That is not like me, so please accept my sincere thanks and apology. I don't know who you are, but there is a coffee waiting for you at Tim Hortons in Minden.

Elvera Trimboli

## Avoid poor circulation or fix it

THERE ARE SO many benefits to moving every single part of our bodies that it's hard to keep track of them all. Here's another to add to the list – circulation. As we know, moving does get the heart pumping. The bigger and faster the movement, the faster the heart beats. That is the heart's job. It's a pump and its function is to get nutrient- and oxygen-rich blood everywhere in your body. The thing you may not be aware of is that it has help. It's true. That assistance comes from the skeletal muscles of your body.

We tend to think that the role of skeletal muscles is to move us. That is their primary function. After receiving a signal from your brain, such as "hey, I need to lift my left knee," the muscles will change from long to short or short to long to make that happen. It's that muscle contraction that results in a pull or a release on the bones of the body. That is the movement that we see. The movement that we can't see is a microscopic flow of fluids within the tissues. That is circulation. The more frequent the movement, the healthier the tissues. The longer a tissue (and the cells within the tissue) goes with little or no circulation, the harder it will be for the tissue to grow or regenerate and perform well.

Let's apply this information to sitting. When we sit for hours at a time we are limiting the bone and muscle configuration in the lower body. Any movement that there might be is limited. The muscles are not fully contracting or relaxing and therefore there is limited flow throughout the tissues.



**LAURIE SWEIG**  
*Practical Fitness*

Over time, the range of motion is reduced (try touching your toes) and with that so is the circulation. A lack of adequate blood flow to any part of your body can have consequences. On a minor level it leaves us feeling exhausted even though we have done nothing. On a serious level poor circulation can lead to bumps and bruises not healing and turning into ulcers. Unmanaged ulcers can result in tissue death and inflections. In scary scenarios this can lead to amputations.

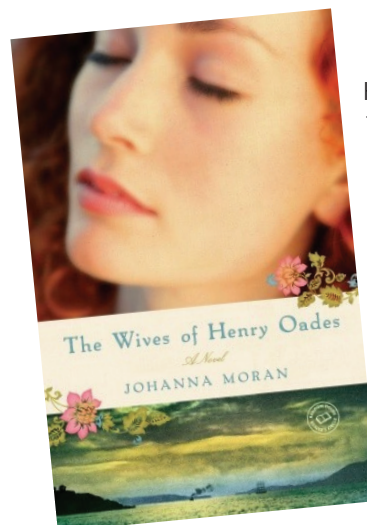
When it comes to our bodies we really need to think about the long game. If there are movements that you can't do now start working at them. Touch your toes. Lunge forward and back. Do some Burpees. Kick off your shoes and get your toes moving (wiggle 'em, spread 'em, lift 'em). That's another area where restricted movement (being in shoes all day) leads to poor circulation. Start slowly, be patient and be consistent.

Our bodies want to be healthy and we want to be pain free. We have to remember that we are on the same team. Listen to those niggly messages that you get. You know the ones. That twitch in the lower back, the tightness in the knee or numbness in a toe. Chances are movement will help work that out by feeding the tissues that are starving.

Something to think about.

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## Staff Pick - August



Dysart Branch assistant Vicky Rodden recommends:

***The Wives of Henry Oades* by Johanna Moran**

A single night of tragedy shatters the life of adventurer Henry Oades. His wife, Margaret, and their children are torn from his life, kidnapped during a Maori uprising in New Zealand. For months, Henry scours the surrounding wilderness, but his family is presumed dead. Grief-stricken, he marries Nancy Foreland, a young widow with a new baby, and tries to move on – until his first family reappears, having escaped captivity. Narrated primarily by the two wives, and based on a real-life legal case, *The Wives of Henry Oades* is the riveting story of what happens when the construction of "family" is different than expected.

Vicky Says: I love historical books, and this intriguing historical novel was set in New Zealand in the late 19th century and that's fairly new to me in fiction. Moran does a wonderful job in creating compassionate characters! Rating: 10/10



# Search for Harold Heaven to continue

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disappearance.

Last week, surrounded by their film crew to make a documentary series produced by Muse Entertainment, and three generations of family related to Harold Heaven, the investigators dug to a depth of six feet at a “bump” located on a residential property on Nawautin Lane in Minden. It was chosen because of a ground-penetrating radar scan conducted in February that revealed a possible resting place for Heaven.

However, before the pair of investigators could proceed with the dig they had to wait months for the ground to thaw and then were slowed down by restrictions related to the COVID-19 pandemic. It seemed to some that the search was over and it was just a matter of time. Except it wasn’t.

It was clear to see the disappointment in the investigators’ faces and in their body language, tired from the physical exertion and the mental fatigue of a long search that dated back years, as they hoped to document the victorious result.

Asked by local media and Global Television about their next step, Mildon said this effort is far from over.

“The search for Harold continues. It’s not the first time we hit a dead end. We had a lot of confidence going in. It hurts, yeah. It really sucks. It’s unfortunate. You guys saw the whole family was around and we wanted to give them something. Some form of closure,” he said.

His friend and partner in this search to find the truth, Rowe said there are other potential sites to search.

“People talk, obviously. Everyone has their own theory. It’s just difficult to sift through and take them as seriously as we would like to so we’re going to regroup and like Mike said we’re not done, but I can’t tell what exactly our next move is,” he said.

The pair have been working for the past few years interviewing people in the Highlands and following up leads in hopes of bringing closure for the family. Their search was also being documented.

Mildon, who is the great-great nephew of Heaven, and his friend Rowe were optimistic about the prospects of closing the cold case. It only added to the disappointment.

However it was the family around them that gave them strength following the disappointment.

“I think that was the best part. I mean my whole goal was to give them an answer today and I kind of built that up in both of our minds so, yeah, it sucks on that front, but there is so much love and support around that bump and I think everyone saw it so, yeah. Very thankful for them. I’m disappointed with how today went,” Mildon said.

The possibility of not finding Harold wasn’t even considered by Mildon and Rowe.

“We’ve been so focused on the end goal, which is an ending, an answer,” he said. “I don’t know how our documentary ends. I don’t know how the story ends.”

Rowe added, “We’ll know when we’re done and we want that to be with Harold, but it if it’s not we’ll know when and we just know that’s not right.”

The pair of investigators said they wouldn’t have got as far as they have and learned what they have without the community’s support.

“It’s been irreplaceable. I was telling the Heaven family we needed the town to come together to tell us their memories of Harold and how they came to know the story and I’d say almost everybody we came into contact with was supportive and was happy to talk



Amateur investigators and best friends, Mike Mildon, left, and Jackson Rowe were disappointed, following an unsuccessful dig for the remains for Harold Heaven on Wednesday, Aug. 12 at a residential property in Minden. /DARREN LUM Staff

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”

— MIKE MILDON

to us and we wouldn’t be here today without them so a huge part of our story, a huge part of Harold’s story and just really paints Minden in a lovely light,” he said. “You know, good people.”

As far as any lessons go from this, Mildon said he was reminded about a conversation he had with an aunt who died recently.

“During her interview one of the things I basically said was the whole reason I think I was doing this documentary was one, to find an answer to become closer to the Heaven family and I do think through that we’ve ... Yeah, we’ve ... Jackson definitely has become closer,” he said, laughing. “But I feel really I have grown ... I have a great relationship with a lot of ‘em,” he said.

The lesson taken from this experience, including this setback is perseverance, Rowe said.

“I mean we hit dead end after dead end and none bigger than today, but we’re going to like I said, we’ll regroup, but I don’t think our spirit it’s not done yet,” he said. “We learned a lot about perseverance and what it takes to solve something like this. It’s not as easy as some people make it seem.”

Like any intrepid investigator from the movies, Mildon was not giving up.

“There’s a lot of things we can still go off of. On to the next one,” he said



Three generations look on as dirt and rocks drop from a backhoe's scoop during the dig for Harold Heaven's remains.



Amateur sleuth Mike Mildon holds up his finger for another scoop from the backhoe to find the remains of Harold Heaven. Mildon is Heaven's great-great-nephew and has been spending years looking for his great-great-uncle, who disappeared mysteriously from a cabin in Minden 86 year ago.



# Algonquin Highlands council accepts climate change plan

by CHAD INGRAM  
Times Staff

Algonquin Highlands councillors accepted a corporate climate change mitigation plan for the township from the county's climate change co-ordinator during an Aug. 13 meeting, and the next step in that process will be the creation of a working group consisting of municipal staff from throughout the county that will work on specifics for implementation of plans for Haliburton County and its lower-tier municipalities.

The county hired climate change co-ordinator Korey McKay last fall, and McKay has been working on those plans during most of the past year. The first step was taking greenhouse gas inventories for the county and each of its lower tiers, then having the councils for each municipal government set greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets. The first phase of the project is the creation of corporate climate change mitigation plan for the county and each of the four lower tiers, corporate greenhouse gas emissions being those that are produced by the municipal governments themselves.

As for the plan for Algonquin Highlands, "It outlines potential actions that the township can take to reach or exceed their target and reduce their corporate greenhouse gas emissions," McKay told council.

The largest chunk of Algonquin Highlands' corporate greenhouse gas emissions come from its landfills, which constitute 79 per cent of emissions. Its vehicle fleet accounts for 14 per cent of emissions, and its buildings seven per cent. The greenhouse gas inventory was done using 2018 data as a baseline, and

“It outlines potential actions that the township can take to reach or exceed their target and reduce their corporate greenhouse gas emissions.”

— KOREY MCKAY

the reduction targets the township has set include a 12 per cent reduction in emissions for landfills; a 10 per cent reduction for fleet vehicles; and a 15 per cent reductions for buildings, by the year 2030.

McKay said the potential actions laid out in the plan for Algonquin Highlands are similar to those in the plans for the county's three other lower-tier municipalities, as well as the upper-tier level of the county itself.

"So a lot of the work can be shared amongst us all," she said.

Some of those potential actions include transitioning to low-carbon and renewal sources of energy in municipal buildings, and transitioning to low-carbon vehicles and fuels for the municipality's fleet. The reduction of fuel consumption through anti-idling policies and the installation of electric vehicle charging stations that could be used for the township's light-duty vehicles, as well as by the public, are other recommendations.

For landfills, it's suggested that reduc-

tion targets be met there by the diversion of organic and yard waste out of municipally owned facilities, including through the encouragement of more at-home composting, which emits far less methane into the air than burying organic waste at a landfill.

"This is probably the greatest action we can take when it comes to greenhouse gas reduction potential," McKay said, adding some of that would be reliant on cost-effective programming from the province.

The plan also recommends that Algonquin Highlands begin building climate change mitigation initiatives into plans and policies such as its official plan and asset management plan, and at the county level, a pilot project will see staff include a climate change lens in their reports to council, and the county intends to share lessons learned with its four municipalities.

Councillor Jennifer Dailloux noted there has been some push-back against the promotion of at-home composting in cottage country communities, which are also typically home to a black bear population.

"The bear country piece, I think, is going to have to figure in that conversation, and some potential solutions will have to be considered for that," Dailloux said.

McKay said those types of solutions could be discussed by the working group, which will be populated mostly by municipal staff, and foster cross-county dialogue.

"This work will touch each of their departments," Mayor Carol Moffatt said of the staff who will comprise the working group. Moffatt wondered how councillors would be kept informed on the activities of the working group.

"What's the plan for reporting back and getting feedback from council throughout the

development?" she asked. "I mean, there's a lot of work here, there's a lot of money here as well in developing and achieving this work."

"The plan is to be included in the annual budget planning process," McKay said, adding that staff would work to create specific work plans that would be brought to council. "... Each of these different actions as they are sort of built upon will be brought to council separately, one by one."

Councillor Lisa Barry wondering about the potential for energy generation projects, such as solar or wind farms.

McKay said the possible creation of any of those larger-scale type of energy projects would be included in community plans, which will be created after the corporate climate change mitigation plans, and will address the community and the county at large, as opposed to just municipal facilities and operations.

“The bear country piece, I think, is going to have to figure in that conversation [about composting], and some potential solutions will have to be considered for that.”

— JENNIFER DAILLOUX



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# County issues letters of support for internet projects

by **CHAD INGRAM**  
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The County of Haliburton is issuing two letters of support for proposed projects that could heighten internet connectivity in the county.

As previously reported, the Ontario Ministry of Infrastructure is offering \$150 million in grants for broadband projects, and during a July meeting, councillors agreed they would sole-source the services of a

consultant with the ability to conduct a technical evaluation of proposal from internet providers.

The funding application is due on Aug. 21 and the county has retained the services of Johnathan Black from Kuro Partners to evaluate proposals.

During a special meeting on Aug. 18, councillors heard about two proposed projects – one from Bell, and one from Xplornet – and issued letters of support for both funding applications.

“Bell and Xplornet have relatively shovel-ready projects,” county chief administrative officer Mike Rutter told council before pro-

viding an overview of each.

The Bell \$20-million project would equip about 4,000 premises in the county with speeds up to 50 Mbps for downloading and 10 Mbps for uploading through a combination of fibre-to-home and fixed wireless technology.

The project Xplornet was requesting a letter of support for was larger in scope, one worth \$200 to \$220 million which would install some 2,650 kilometres of new fibre throughout central and northern Ontario, and according to the proposal would offer 100 Mbps service to 170,000 “under-served households.”

As to what “under-served” means exactly, “We did ask that question and really haven’t been able to get a clear answer on that,” Rutter said.

Councillors approved both letters of support in a resolution that read the county would also continue to work with any internet providers interested in creating projects to enhance connectivity in the area.

These projects would be separate from the cell gap project being completed by the Eastern Ontario Regional Network, and the gig project for which EORN has recently requested funding.

# County plans to reduce emissions 15% by 2030

by **CHAD INGRAM**  
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Haliburton County councillors accepted a corporate climate change mitigation plan for the county during their online Aug. 12 committee-of-the-whole meeting.

The county hired climate change co-ordinator Korey McKay last fall, McKay working on the plan since. That process began by taking an inventory of the greenhouse gas emissions produced by the county and its lower-tier municipalities. The first phase of the project is the creation of a corporate climate change mitigation plan for the county and each of the four lower tiers, corporate greenhouse gas emissions being those that are produced by the municipal governments themselves.

Using 2018 emission levels as a baseline, the target at the county level is to reduce emissions by 15 per cent by 2030.

“So, some high level points about the plan, it focuses on our corporate greenhouse gas emissions, which we have direct control over,” McKay told councillors. “It presents us with potential opportunities and actions to reduce our corporate carbon footprint and achieve, or ideally exceed, the emissions reduction target.”

McKay said the plan also incorporates best practices that have proven effective in other municipalities.

“The plan centres around three main goals,” McKay said. “The first goal, for our buildings, to improve our energy efficiency and transition to low-carbon and renewal sources of energy in our municipal facili-

ties. The second goal, looking at our municipal fleet, reducing our fuel consumption and transitioning to low-carbon vehicles and fuels.”

For the county, 82 per cent of its emissions come from its vehicle fleet, the remaining 18 per cent from its buildings.

“And lastly, integrating climate change considerations across our municipal programs, policies and plans,” McKay said.

For buildings, McKay said some actions could include undertaking an energy audit and based on the results of that audit, recreate a schedule for replacement of various items with low-carbon and energy efficient options. Another could be the creation of a green new building policy. “So should the county expand in the future and need to build something new, having a policy in place that we are building new buildings to a higher standard, beyond the building code, to ensure that these are low-carbon and do not cause a huge spike in greenhouse gas emissions.”

For the vehicle fleet, some suggestions include the installation of electric vehicle charging stations, which could be used both for the county’s fleet and by members of the public on a scheduled basis, as well an anti-idling policy and purchasing policy prioritizing lowest-carbon options.

Regarding municipal policies, McKay is working with county planner Charley White on integrating climate change mitigation language into the county’s official plan, for example.

Including a climate change perspective in staff reports to council is another example.

McKay has also created plans of each of the lower-tier municipalities which she will present to their councils, and a continuing

cross-county dialogue will include the creation of a working group populated largely by municipal staffers.

In the future, McKay will also be creating a community climate change mitigation plan that will focus on the public and the community at large, and the working group for that plan will include members of the public.

“We have a lot to think about here, about how we’ll go forward,” said Algonquin Highlands Deputy Mayor and Haliburton County Warden Liz Danielsen.

“A wonderful report, exciting times,” said Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin. “I look forward to the years to come that we move forward on this.”

Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt wondered how sharing of electric vehicle charging stations would work given that most of the county’s vehicles are stored in

public works yards.

“Looking at hybrid and electric, this is likely for our more light-duty fleet, especially at the beginning,” McKay said. “So things like our county administration van, the trucks some of our engineers drive going to an SUV hybrid, as well as building department SUVs.”

“The nice co-ordination option here is the location of the county building and one of our township buildings [Minden Hills] where we also share a parking lot,” said White. “So if both municipalities move forward with this initiative there could be some collaboration there, whereby we could share that facility as well.”

Moffatt also reiterated there are many members of the public who are keen to get involved in the process as the county progresses into a community plan.

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# Sky's the limit for new Astros player

*Professional baseball dream takes step forward with new provincial team*

by **DARREN LUM**  
Times Staff

Minden's Austin Boylan is a teenager taking a swing at a lifelong dream of becoming a professional baseball player by joining the elite baseball program Team Ontario Baseball Club despite coming from a community that doesn't offer organized hardball.

The Archie Stouffer Elementary School graduate and former Fenelon Falls Running Rebels' player submitted a video application earlier in the year that got him a spot on the team and in-person assessment of his skills with drills and time in the batting cage. He is looking forward to becoming an Astros player not only for the experience of playing with the team this autumn, but also for an opportunity to further improve his skills.

"It means a lot to make this team because I have opened up many doors for myself to get to where I want to be because Team Ontario Astros have a great baseball program, and it shows me that hard work and dedication will help you achieve big goals, which I was and have been training every day working to better my skills and not just through COVID-19, but to keep bettering myself to get to where I want to be. And now I will have great trainers and coaches help me get to the next level in my baseball career."

The program boasts a high rate of success for its older players, as there have been scholarship opportunities to attend U.S. colleges for most of its under-18 and under-17 active players since it started in 1998.



Minden's Austin Boylan, who is a recent Archie Stouffer Elementary School graduate, is excited about joining the Team Ontario Baseball Club. Wearing his Astros team hat, the teen said joining this elite baseball program is an affirmation of his hard work and is a big step towards his dream of playing professional baseball. Sponsorships are welcome to help with covering players' fees. /DARREN LUM Staff

Team Ontario Baseball Club director of baseball operations Jason Booth said Austin was an ideal candidate for his current abilities and his potential to reach new heights thanks to a good attitude and strong work ethic.

"We feel that he checks a lot of boxes for us and is the kind of athlete that we're looking for and we see him as a guy that is going to be a very good player down the road and could help our program," he said.

The coaching staff liked his arm strength, batting and his fielding ability.

"He handles the baseball very well.

Defensively, he's got good hands, [strong] transition, and we like his bat. He can swing it a little bit. He's got some power. Like I said, for us, it's about projection. He projects into a guy in the next couple years to be pretty good and hopefully he gets some U.S. college opportunities down the road," he said.

They believe Austin can pitch and take spot on the left side of the infield, Booth added.

His team will play games in the Canadian Premier Baseball League during the fall until mid- to late-October depending on weather, which will follow with winter training and development. Typically the season is May, June and July, including tournaments in the U.S. There is an autumn season. The home park is at the Stewart Burnett Park in Aurora and they train at The Dugout Baseball and Softball Academy in Concord.

As far as travelling to compete in the U.S., the program hopes to play late-autumn, but believes they will be playing in the spring. A trip to Florida is planned in March, 2021. U.S. games enable players to showcase their skills to scouts with American universities and offer strong competition.

Austin was surprised his video application led to this opportunity.

"I was very happy and I told my parents and they were proud and also shocked in excitement. When they asked me to come down I said to myself, 'This is my chance to make something of myself and I can't screw this up, this is what I have been working towards and now I have to go get it because it is right there.'"

Accepting recruits via a video was relatively new for Team Ontario, but is part of the trend this year because of the pandemic.

Austin said joining the program is an affirmation of his efforts to overcome challenges.

"I have worked so hard every day and it's crazy because there is no hardball in Minden and I previously played for the Fenelon Falls Running Rebels, [which] is county league and I went from that to Team Ontario in one year. That's crazy. I am pretty much self-taught with my parents' help and coaches' help along the way, but I have only been playing hardball for two years ... at a county league level and some guys have played their whole life. Baseball is in my blood and I want to go big one day and I love the game of baseball."

The future now is to continue to improve, he adds.

"My next goal is to improve my skills to a pro level and get scholarship to a school

somewhere in the United States or Canada. I would like to get to a NCAA [division one] school," he said.

If he has his way, Vanderbilt University, located in Nashville, Tennessee is his choice. It's one of the best baseball programs around. However, he said he's open to any "good offers" as far as a scholarship is concerned.

After that he hopes to get drafted and signed to a major league baseball team, or any professional baseball team in the world.

"It will take a lot of hard work and dedication, but I am ready," he said.

Success stories such as Matt Duchene, who plays centre for the Nashville Predators in the NHL, have been an inspiration, reminding him hard work does pay off and that anything is possible, even making the professional ranks from a small town.

Austin appreciates the support he has received from his parents and coaches, who have helped him with his recent achievement.

"I wanna thank my parents, Kristen Boylan, Jason Boylan, James Raposo, the coaching staff from Fenelon Falls Running Rebels and my old teacher Michelle Kernohan because they all have taught me a lot in and out of baseball and have shown me tips and help me have the mindset to help me get to where I am today," he said.

Dad, Jason Boylan is proud of his son.

"I am extremely proud of Austin and who he has become and the amount of hard work he has put into it. He's achieving his dreams and goals by hard work, self-discipline and overall maturity. He's never been handed anything in any sports in the area and has always had to pave his own way even though he's always faced obstacles and roadblocks. He should be proud of himself as his focuses are set to be successful and will go on to bigger and better things. With his families' support, we will help him achieve his goals. I am truly proud of who he is becoming not only as my son but an amazing young man," he wrote in an email.

Booth couldn't recall another recruit from the Highlands since he has been with the team from 2008.

Country athletes like Austin often share similar positive attributes, which work well with the program's atmosphere.

"They're tough. They're hard-nosed and they like to work. Let's put it this way, they're not afraid to work and I think those are great characteristics that help take them through Team Ontario, but beyond into college opportunities," he said.

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# TLDSB extends school re-registration deadline

10 to 15 per cent of families opting out of in-person learning

by SUE TIFFIN  
Times Staff

Undecided parents still choosing between back-to-school options were given unexpected extra time to consider future plans when the Trillium Lakelands District School Board extended the deadline for school re-registration last week, after the original deadline had passed.

The original deadline of Aug. 13 had been announced through communication to parents from the board on Aug. 7, after the Ford government outlined a school reopening plan on July 30, and the TLDSB board of trustees met virtually on Aug. 4 to take next steps toward planning for September school after what will be almost six months of closure due to the COVID-19 pandemic. On Aug. 13 at around 7 p.m., parents received new communication extending the re-registration date to end of day, Aug. 18.

“As of mid-way through last week we had over 8,000 re-registrations, so nearly half of all students,” said Sinead Fegan, TLDSB communications officer, this week. “However, the more students registered, the better our planning will go and so we’ve provided an additional few days for parents to respond.”

School re-registration, in which parents decide whether their students will return to in-class learning, enrol in online learning or pursue a private option instead is a requirement by school boards to ensure accurate numbers for planning purposes.

Fegan said that as of just prior to the re-registration deadline, approximately 10 to 15 per cent of families throughout the TLDSB region were looking to opt out of in-school learning.

“All parents/guardians (and students over the age of 18) must re-register each child for school, including those newly registered at a TLDSB school,” reads the TLDSB website. “We will not be able to make determinations on classroom make up, schedules, or bus routes until we know who is coming to school in September, and who will be staying at home for remote learning.” Parents who had previously registered prior to the extension but wanted to change their decision before the new deadline were given the option to do so, however, after Monday, changes to registration decisions could not be made.

“Once your choice has been made, this will remain the program for your child until late October,” reads the TLDSB website. “We cannot make changes prior to this because any change means alterations to classroom cohorts and to bussing route schedules. This

decision has been made in the best interest of safety of our students and our staff.”

Further information regarding return to school updates from the TLDSB, including

an Aug. 11 letter from new director of education Wes Hahn is available here: <http://www.tldsb.ca/returntoschool>.



Above left, Tom Burke donates the first \$500 raised through his birdhouse project to the Minden Food Bank via Joanne Barnes. His project, which he started during the initial stages of the pandemic, has raised \$1,000 so far for local charities.



Above right, Tom Burke meets with Judy MacDuff at the Haliburton 4Cs to donate \$500 to the organization’s efforts, raised through Burke’s birdhouse project, in which he sells handcrafted birdhouses curbside for a donation to local food banks.

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Answers on page 15

by SUE TIFFIN  
Times Staff

**Birdhouses bring bucks for banks**

Tom Burke's birdhouse project raising funds for local food banks has reached a \$1,000 milestone only 18 days after he set the goal of doubling his initial donation.

"I got a little emotional, that's a biggie," said Burke, from his Minden home.

After collecting \$500 for the Minden Food Bank through selling colourful birdhouses that he began making in his downtime at home during the start of the pandemic, Burke focused on raising the same amount for the Haliburton Food Bank, which he accomplished in less than three weeks. He's sold about 50 birdhouses by donation, with many people offering about \$20 or \$25 to his efforts in exchange for his handcrafted wooden creations.

Burke said the work "sometimes gets monotonous but I know it's going to a good thing," and said it "keeps me out of my wife's way."

Next, Burke has set his sights on raising \$500 for SIRCH Community Services.

He thanked Timber Mart for supplying materials for the birdhouse project, Canoe FM and coverage in the *Haliburton Echo*, *Minden Times*, and *County Life* for getting the word out there, and anyone who had stopped by to offer support.

"I'm stunned, I'm proud, I'm humbled," said Burke.

Burke can be reached at 705-286-4168 to arrange a curbside visit.

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- File No. PLSRA2019019:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Gull Lake, lying in front of Lot 2, Concession 1, Geographic Township of Lutterworth, designated as Part 1, on a Plan of Survey 19R-10381, registered June 3, 2020.
- File No. PLSRA2019036:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Mountain Lake, lying in front of Lot 7, Concession 6, Geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 1, on a Plan of Survey 19R-10380, registered June 3, 2020.
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The above noted plans of surveys are available for inspection and additional information may be obtained by contacting the undersigned at 705-286-1260 (x206) or by e-mail at [iclandening@mindenhills.ca](mailto:iclandening@mindenhills.ca).

**AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE** that the proposed by-Laws will come before the said Council for consideration, and if deemed advisable for passing, at its regular meeting being held as an Electronic Meeting, on **Thursday, August 27, 2020** at the hour of 9:00 AM. At that time, Council will hear in person or by their counsel, solicitor, or agent, any person who claims that their land will be prejudicially affected and who applies in advance to be heard.

**DATED AT THE** Township of Minden Hills, this August 13, 2020  
Ian Clendening, MPL., Planner





## ReMax moves in to new office in Minden

Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin cuts the ribbon at the official grand opening of the new Minden ReMax office, which is located in the Subway plaza along Highway 35. The Minden ReMax office is now part of the ReMax Professionals North brokerage. /CHAD INGRAM Staff



### NOTICE - SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

**NOTE:** As a result of the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) outbreak, as well as the requirements for social distancing, Council Meetings will be conducted electronically via web conference until further notice. We thank the public for their understanding as we work toward keeping our community safe and healthy in this uncertain time.

**TAKE NOTICE** that there will be a Special Meeting of Council on Monday, August 24, 2020 at 9:00 AM conducted electronically via web conference. The purpose of the Special Meeting is as follows:

1. To Discuss the following items as part of the Zoning By-law review:
  - Cannabis Production;
  - Minimum Dwelling Size;
  - Backyard Chickens;
  - Legal Non-Conforming structures; and
  - Additional matters.
2. To Proceed into Closed Session in accordance with Section 239(2) (f) regarding advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;
3. To Discuss the Harwood Lake Landing Project (Clinto Lake)

Members of the Public are invited to observe Council proceedings by joining a live-stream link. The live-stream link can be found in the Special Meeting Notice posted on the Township's website under the News and Notices at [www.algonquinhighlands.ca](http://www.algonquinhighlands.ca)

Dated this 19<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020.

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# Deep Bay Road repairs cost \$100K

by **CHAD INGRAM**  
Times Staff

A washout of Deep Bay Road that occurred earlier this month has cost the County of Haliburton, which owns the road, about \$100,000 to repair.

On Aug. 3, a 400-metre section of the road was torn up by torrents of water rushing from a burst beaver dam, with the roadway reopened to public traffic on Aug. 12.

During an Aug. 12 county committee-of-the-whole meeting, public works director Craig Douglas told councillors the repairs has cost approximately \$100,000, adding that leftover contingency money from another roads project would be able to cover the bulk of that bill.

Douglas had been in touch with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, the Ministry of Environment, Parks and Conservation, and the superintendent of the Queen Elizabeth II Wildlands Provincial Park, an entranceway to which is located off Deep Bay Road.

"I confirmed it's a beaver dam, one or more beaver dams, directly north of the entrance to the park [that burst]," Douglas

said, adding he'd been trying to see if the provincial agencies might be able to help the county out.

"So, was the beaver dam within the confines of the QEII Wildlands [Provincial Park]?" asked Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin.

"It was," Douglas said.

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I confirmed it's a beaver dam, one or more beaver dams, directly north of the entrance to the park.

— COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR CRAIG DOUGLAS

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## PERSONAL SUPPORT WORKER

Haliburton Highlands Health Services has casual opportunities serving a substantial area surrounding both Haliburton and Minden. HHHS includes hospitals in both Minden and Haliburton, with Hyland Wood LTC in Haliburton and Hyland Crest LTC in Minden.

The Personal Support Worker provides resident care in relation to activities of daily living, quality of life, environment management and continuous communication. She or he, as a member of the health care team, has a significant role in promoting health, preventing illness, and helping residents attain and maintain the highest level of health possible in situations in which a resident's condition is relatively stable, less complex and the outcomes of care are predictable.

#### QUALIFICATIONS:

- Successful completion of Personal Support Worker program which meets one of the following: The vocational standards established by the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities OR The standards established by the National Association of Career Colleges, OR The standards established by the Ontario Community Support Association; and Must be a minimum of 600 hours in duration, counting both class time and practical experience time.
- Experience in working with the acutely ill, chronically ill and/or palliative clients preferred
- Understanding of MDS RAI an asset.
- Problem solving
- Organizing own work
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- Personal care skills
- Ability to read, write and communicate effectively in English
- CPR

In addition, the successful candidate must be available to work day, evening and night shifts, along with weekends and statutory holidays. An ability to attend work on a consistent basis is also a requirement.

#### SUBMIT APPLICATION AND RESUME TO:

**Human Resources**  
**Haliburton Highlands Health Services**  
**Box 115, Haliburton, ON K0M 1S0**  
**E-mail: hr@hhhs.ca**  
**Fax: 705-457-4609**

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## SUPPORT SERVICES AIDE

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As Housekeeping Aide, the position maintains a clean, sanitary environment for patients, visitors and staff. The Housekeeping Aide performs routine cleaning tasks throughout the hospital including emergency and long-term care departments.

In the Laundry Aide role, this person is responsible for laundering the hospital and contract linen as well as linen and personal clothing for the Long Term care unit. The Laundry Aide also supplies the units (see below) with an adequate supply of clean linen in good repair. The units are as follows: Long Term Care, Emergency/Acute Care, EMS/Ambulance Bay, main kitchen and physiotherapy.

#### QUALIFICATIONS:

- Must have Grade 12, able to read & write fluently in English
- Two years related experience in Hospital and/or LTC preferred
- Must be able to work with minimum supervision and independently
- Understanding of basic principles of cleaning procedures
- Health Care Institution Housekeepers Certificate (OHA, or equivalent) within 3 months from date of hire
- Able to communicate effectively with other departments, residents, family members, patients

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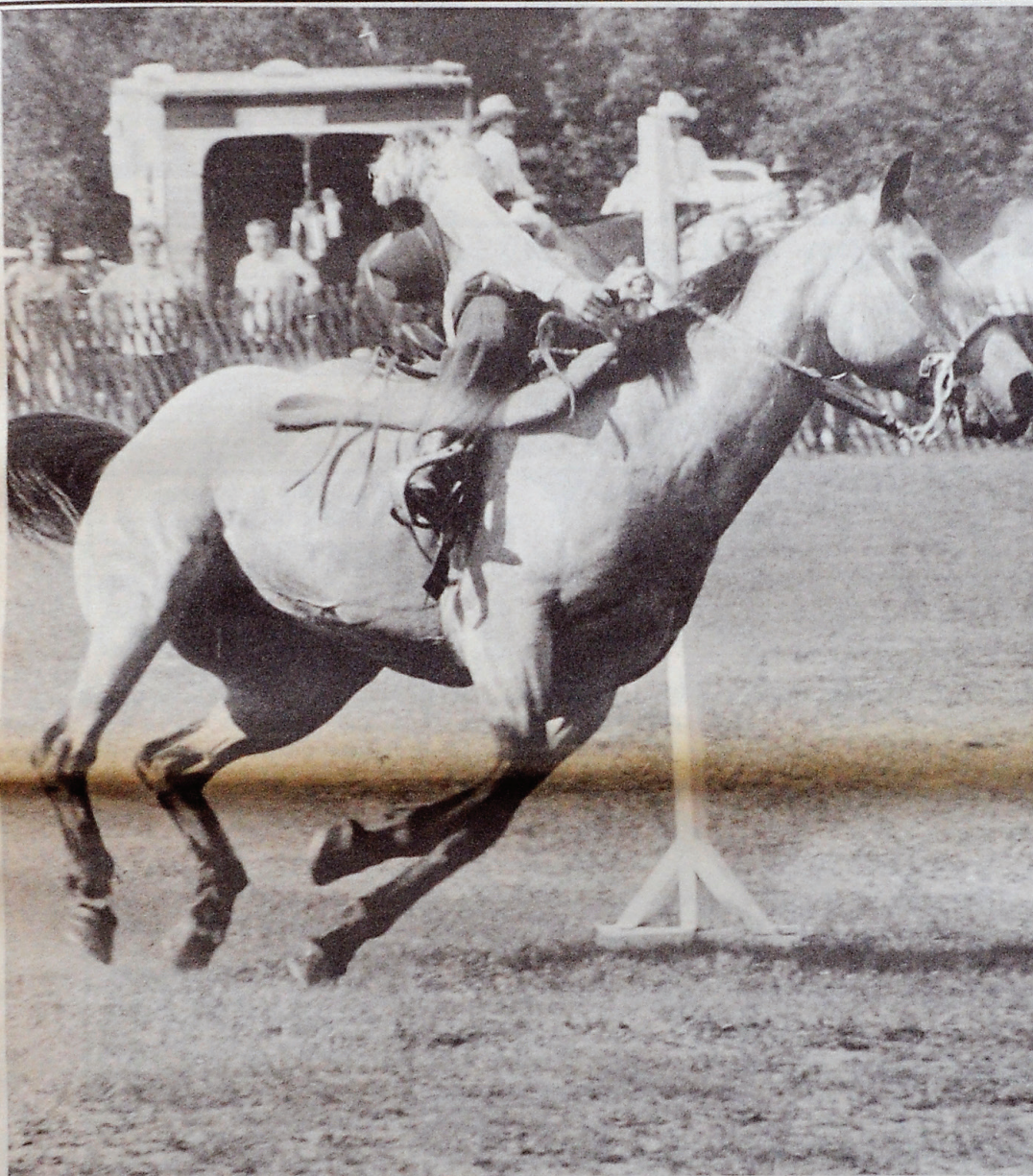
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Monday, August 22, 1988



"Whoa fella" this nine-year old equestrian seems to be asking his steed as it makes a sharp turn in one of the western events at the Haliburton County fair Saturday. For more pictures of the day's activities, please see pages 6 and 7.

## Airport funding approved

After close to a decade of planning and studying, the upgrading of the Stanhope Municipal Airport is finally ready for flight.

Federal Transport Minister Benoit Bouchard last week approved a \$790,000 grant for this project, which is expected to open the airport up for far more usage.

Not surprisingly, Stanhope Township Reeve Harry Davis is very happy with the announcement. "It's the culmination of a lot of hard work," said Davis, who has been personally involved in the project for about ten years. "It will make quite an improvement," he said. In addition, it will have a social and economic impact on Stanhope Township and Haliburton County. "This is a great thing for Stanhope," said Davis. "There was a lot of work involved in this."

Victoria-Haliburton MP Bill Scott announced the grant approval on behalf of Bouchard. In a press release, Scott said the improvements to the airport, "will create many economic benefits for the tourism industry and for local construction and manufacturing companies."

The estimated cost of the entire project is \$1-million. In addition to the contribution from the federal government, the province and municipality are expected to share a contribution of \$210,000.

The upgrading project will include a slight realignment and paving of the runway. The airport will have an exit taxi-way and apron lights will be added along the runway and taxi-way. There will be a parking area for 20 cars and a refuelling facility for the aircraft will be installed. In addition, meteorological aids, such as wind speed and direction measuring equipment will be installed.

The social and economic benefits this airport upgrading is expected to generate are already outlined in a cost-benefit study, which was completed in 1987 with the help of a \$25,000 federal grant.

The funding for this project is being made available through Transport Canada's financial assistance program for local and community airports.

## 124th, another successful county fair

The village of Minden may well have been a city for the weekend as thousands of people made it out the fairgrounds to experience the 124th Haliburton County Fair.

The "Friendly Fair" has been an annual event since 1864, but with a tremendous number of exhibits and events being run throughout Saturday and

Sunday, this year's has to be one of the best.

The weather couldn't have been better for enjoying the fair. The heat wave that has gripped the province all summer finally broke, making for some very pleasant weather.

Although the midway was in operation Friday

evening and there was a teen dance at the community centre, the official opening of the fair was not until Saturday's parade made its way into the fairgrounds.

During the opening ceremonies, the audience heard some brief remarks and greetings from the Agricultural Society president Mary Jane

Irwin, Minden Reeve Sinc Nesbitt, Victoria-Haliburton MP Bill Scott, and Haliburton County Warden Bob McCausland.

Almost an entire year of work by the volunteers of the Agricultural Society went into making this fair a success and Irwin made a special point of thanking all the members who have worked so hard. She also

thanked all those who entered the exhibits and competitions, noting that without them, there really wouldn't be a fair.

As County Warden, McCausland officially opened the fair. He brought greetings from members of county council and invited all to enjoy the two full days of friendly competition.

Before closing the

official ceremonies, Irwin had one more enjoyable task to complete. She took the opportunity to present a diploma to Roy and Rita Hughes, who have been

involved in the fair for many years. The diploma comes from the Ontario Agricultural Society and recognizes outstanding contributions made by Society members.

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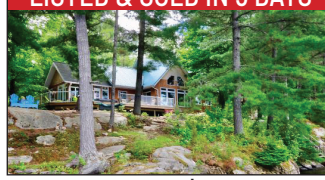
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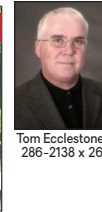
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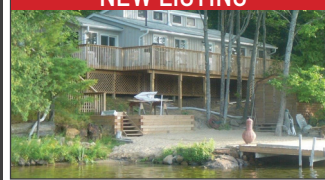
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- Private location near two lake with beautiful gardens & decks



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- Private location, sand beach and a dry boathouse
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Susanne James  
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### Miskwabi Lake \$949,900

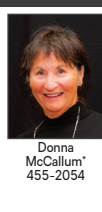
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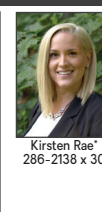
- Island lot, w/views on 3 sides, 93 yards from mainland
- 3 season cottage, 2 bdrms, loft, 3pc bath
- .39 acres on automatic 5 yr land renewal lease



Karen Nimigon  
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### Wilberforce \$359,000

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Kirsten Rae  
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### Industrial Park Rd \$1,200,000

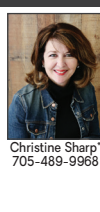
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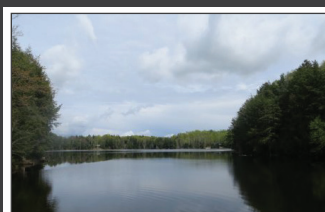
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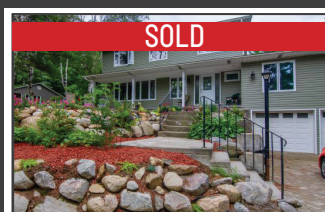
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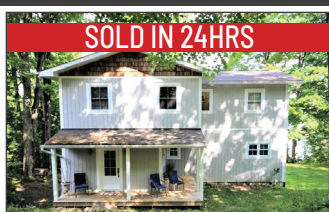
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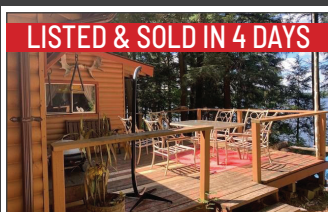
- Beautiful 3 bdrm/ 2.5 bath home
- Att'd Garage, Screen Porch
- Overlooks Lake Kashagawigamog



Lindsay Wilkinson  
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### Wilberforce Home \$389,000

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- 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms
- Break taking lake views



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